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<u>City of South Fulton District 7 Mayor Pro Tem Mark Baker Sponsors</u> <u>Community and Police Panel Discussion</u>

(City of South Fulton, Georgia, Tuesday, February 26, 2019) Join District 7 Mayor Pro Tem Mark Baker for a panel discussion that will focus on bridging the gap between the City's Police Department and the community. The event will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Langston Hughes High School located at 7510 Hall Road, Fairburn, GA at 6:30 P.M.

The panel discussion follows the December 2018 "The Hate You Give" viewing field trip, where Mayor Pro Tem Baker accompanied 45 Langston Hughes High School students to view the film. The purpose of the panel discussion is to provide a platform that encourages constructive dialogue between youth and law enforcement in order to build stronger relationships between law enforcement and the community they serve. The City's new police recruits will also participate in the discussion.

"On this Thursday we will culminate Black History Month with a 'new wave' panel discussion aimed at addressing community issues at the root as opposed to the stem," stated Mayor Pro Tem Baker. "In a non-traditional fashion, we will spark a dialogue of expectations and understandings between future City of South Fulton Police Officers (currently in the Police Academy) and the brilliant young minds being produced at Langston Hughes High School. This is a new city, new police department, new officers and a new approach to building our village by setting the standard of what true community policing should look like around the country, you don't want to miss it!"

The panel will be moderated by WSBTV Channel 2 News Reporter Tyisha Fernandes and will conclude with a special address by the City of South Fulton's Police Chief Keith Meadows.

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